

ENVIRONMENT AND ATTRACTIVE CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 7 NOVEMBER 2011

PRIORITISATION FRAMEWORK FOR TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

Strategic Priority : SP5 - Attractive and Inclusive City

Corporate Priorities: CI01 – Delivering Customer Focused Services, CI04 – Improving Partnership Working To Deliver ‘One City’

1. Purpose

1.1 Members will be well aware of the current financial circumstances in which the Council and other local authorities operate. There is a greater imperative than ever for the Council to target the reduced resources available for Traffic and Road Safety on those inventions that have the most positive impacts. The meeting has been arranged to discuss the development of a prioritisation framework to assist in the allocation of resources and managing project delivery.

2. Background

2.1 A framework is being prepared which seeks to bring together traditional engineering methods of assessing schemes together with the contribution of schemes to wider strategic priorities.

2.2 Traffic and Road Safety schemes are largely funded by the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and schemes need to demonstrate a strategic fit with it. The strategic priorities of the current LTP3 align close to those of the City Council:-

- **Economic Development and Regeneration** (congestion reduction, network management);
- **Safe and Sustainable Communities** (Local safety schemes, Road Safety Education, accessibility); and
- **Climate Change** (Cycling, walking, travel planning, electric vehicle infrastructure).

2.3 The framework will describe the stages of the process for assessing schemes and the basis on which decisions will be made. It is intended as a tool to facilitate decision making and to give clear and objective reasoning for understanding the basis on which decisions will and have been made. It will also provide a means to prioritise planned work to

ensure that financial and staff resources are targeted at those schemes which will produce the greatest benefits to the community.

3. CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The meeting will be interactive and members are encouraged to give their views on:-

- the intent of the process map;
- the content of the framework, the criteria to be used and the relative weighting of those criteria;
- the mechanisms of measurements for the framework; and
- generating the policy supporting its usage.

3.2 Following the meeting further development of the proposals will be undertaken and reported back to the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 16 January 2012.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Committee is asked to engage in an interactive presentation and consider and comment on the information provided.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None

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